

## Kissimmee/Okeechobee Management Region 23,782 Acres

The C-38 canal has been filled between the S65-C structure north to Avon Park Air Force Range and Kissimmee Prairie State Park. The Kissimmee River has been restored to its original course through this stretch.

Properties within the Kissimmee River Management Area were purchased by the South Florida Water Management District as a feature of the program to restore the Kissimmee River ecosystem.

The Lower Kissimmee River Management Area consists of:

- Pool A Management Unit
- Pool C Management Unit
- Pool D Management Unit
- Pool E Management Unit
- Paradise Run Management Unit

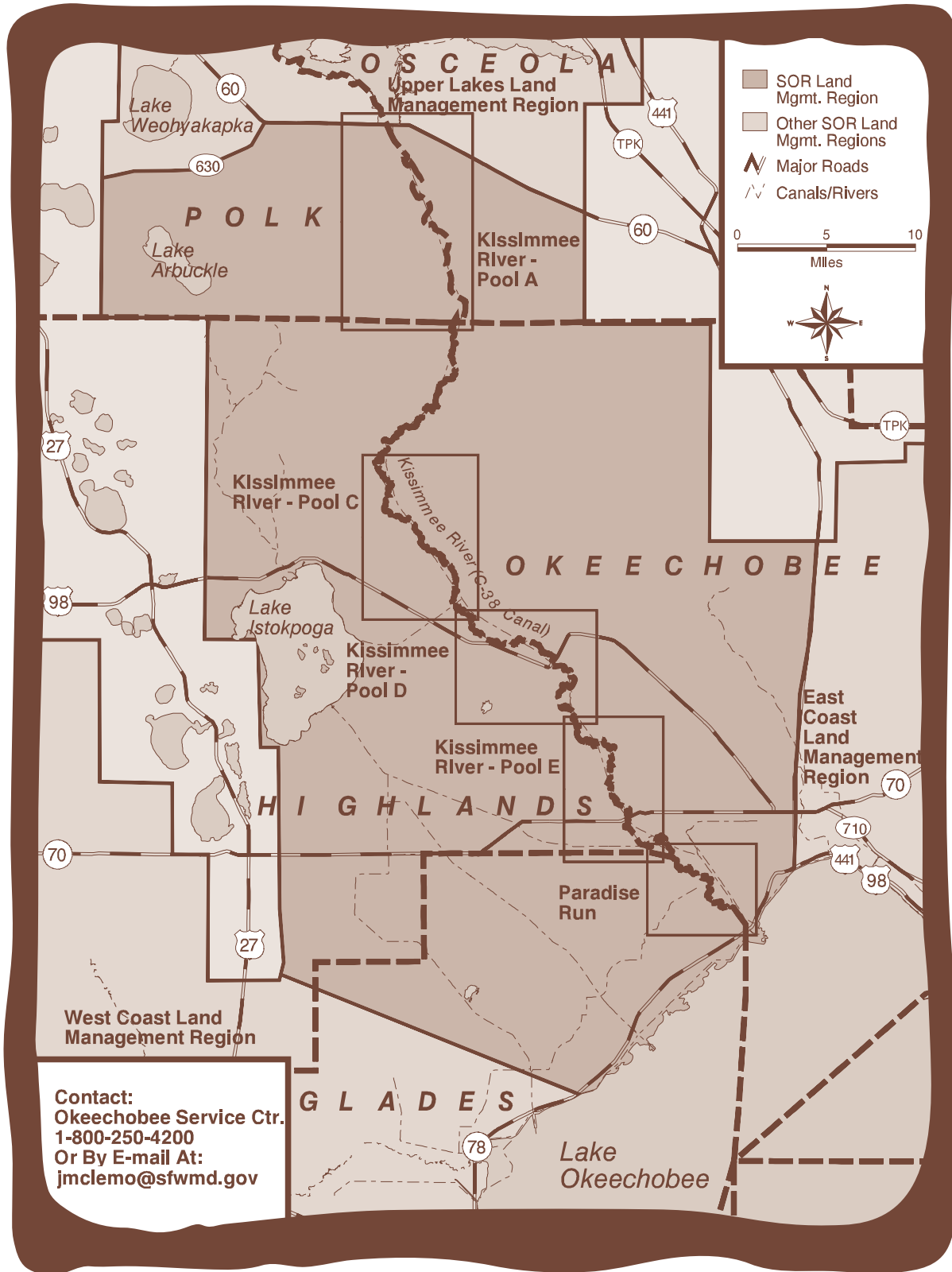
Management assistance in the Kissimmee River Management Areas is provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under an agreement with the District.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Wildlife management and Public Use Area rules govern hunting in this area. These areas are identified on maps. Copies of Commission rules may be obtained by writing to: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Southwest Regional Office, 3900 Drane Field Road, Lakeland, Florida 33811 or by calling (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

No-cost Special Use Licenses issued by the District may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the District's Okeechobee Service Center at (800) 250-4200 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

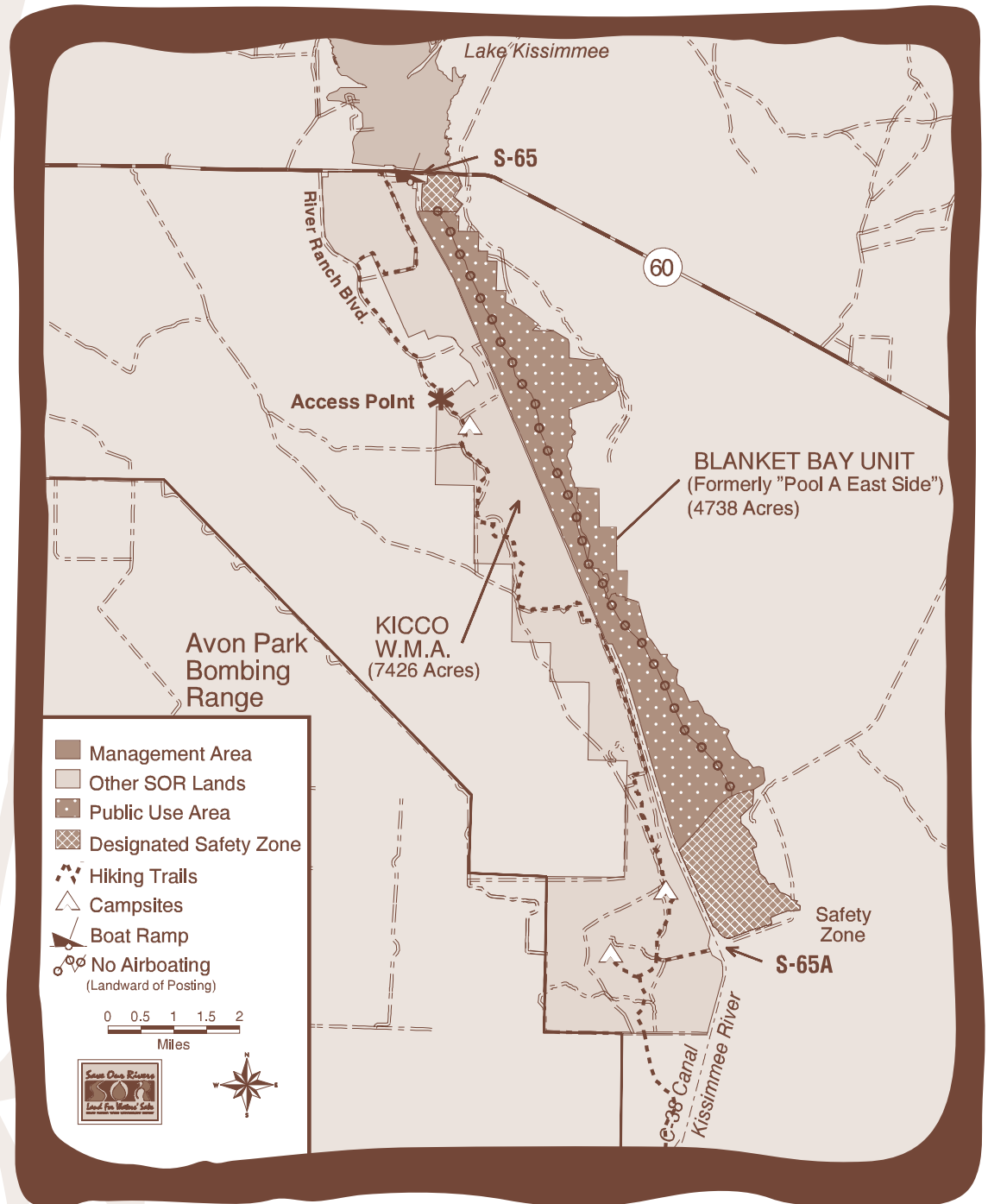


# Kissimmee/Okeechobee Management Region





## Kissimmee River Pool A, 12,164 Acres



Osceola & Polk Counties



The property comprising Pool A was purchased by the District as a feature of the program to restore the Kissimmee River.

Pool A includes the KICCO unit (7,426 acres) and the Blanket Bay unit [old Pool A East Side unit] (4,738 acres).

The Blanket Bay unit is part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.

Public use of the KICCO unit is governed primarily by Type I Wildlife Management Area rules of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Interim management of the native range on KICCO is being provided by the private sector under a grazing lease.

District Public Use Rules are supplemental to rules of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Copies of the Commission's regulations may be obtained by writing to: Florida Fish and Wildlife conservation Commission, 3900 Drane Field Road Lakeland, Florida 33811 or by calling (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

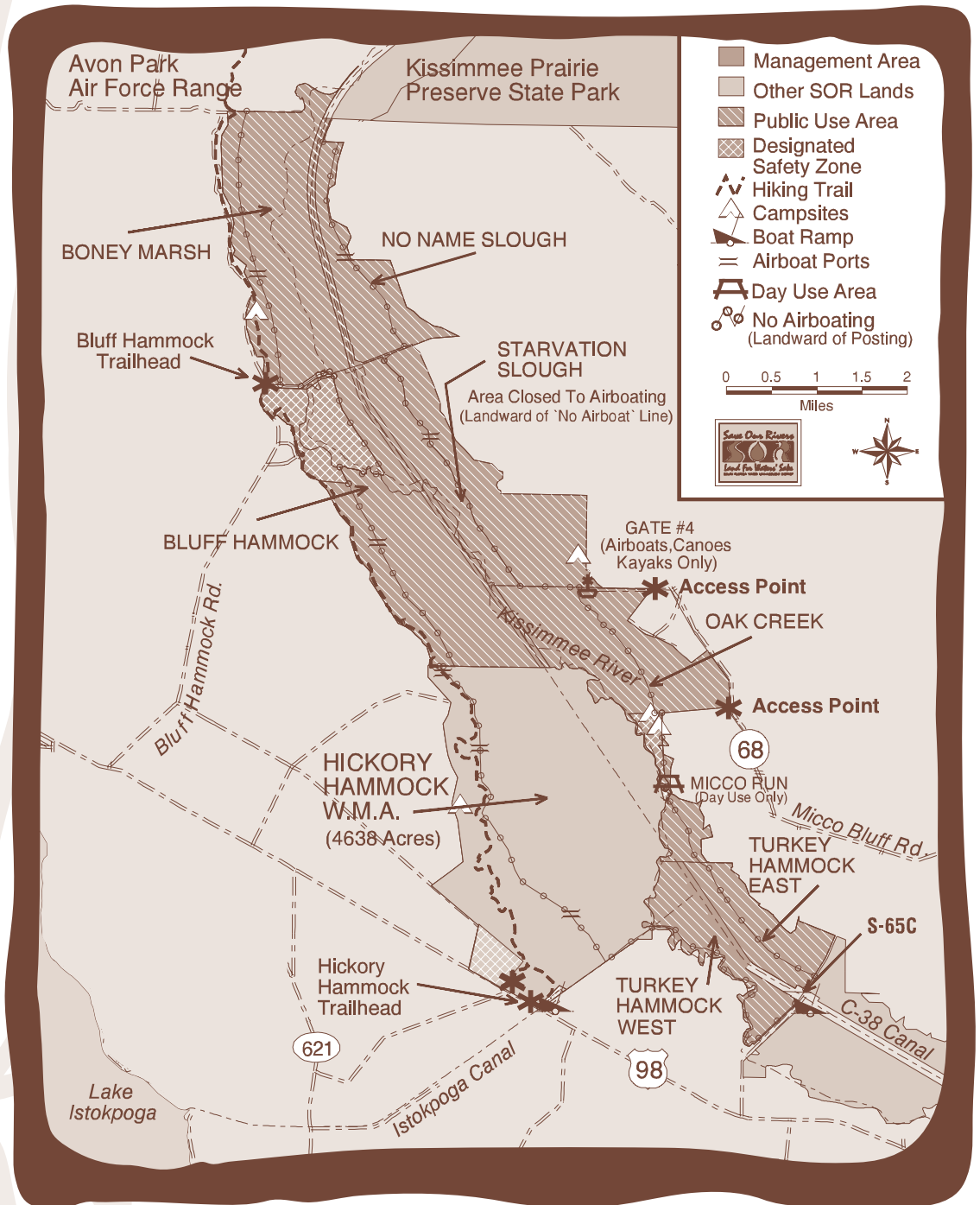
For details of District rules on Kicco and Blanket Bay units please see Special Provisions.

### Special Provisions

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3. Persons may enter the management area from the Kissimmee River and from designated public access points at public roadways.
4. Hunting is prohibited within posted safety zones.
5. Hunting is permitted only within areas established as Wildlife Management Areas or Public Use Areas by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
6. Airboating is prohibited within posted safety zones and beyond the restricted area signs.
7. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites when in possession of a Special Use License.
8. The use and possession of a saddle animal is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
9. Bicycling is permitted only when in the possession of a Special Use License.
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## Kissimmee River Pool C, 14,171 Acres



Highlands & Okeechobee Counties



No Name Slough, Boney Marsh, Bluff Hammock, Oak Creek and Turkey Hammock sub-units are managed as a part of the Kissimmee River Public Use Area and Hickory Hammock Management unit as Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

For information, call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

A portion of the Florida National Scenic Trail extends from Istokpoga Canal to Avon Park Air Force Range.

Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.

For details please see Special Provisions.

#### **No Name Slough sub-unit (608 acres)**

There are no public roads providing access to the sub-unit. Persons may enter the unit from the Kissimmee River.

#### **Boney Marsh sub-unit (1,967 acres)**

A section of the Florida National Scenic Trail extends through the unit.

Persons may enter the management area from any point along C-38 canal, the S-65B Access Road, and from the Avon Park Air Force Range via the Florida National Scenic Trail.

#### **Bluff Hammock sub-unit (2,116 acres)**

The use or possession of saddle animals is prohibited.

The area can be accessed from Bluff Hammock Road off of Highway 98.

#### **Starvation Slough sub-unit (858 acres)**

There are no public roads providing access to the sub-unit. Persons may enter the sub-unit on foot from C-38 canal, the Kissimmee River, and the Oak Creek Management sub-unit.

The sub-unit is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as part of Kissimmee River Public Use Area.

Archery and muzzleloading hunting will be allowed on the upland portion of this sub-unit in the near future. For information, call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

#### **Oak Creek sub-unit (1,804 acres)**

Persons may enter the sub-unit on foot from the Kissimmee River, Micco Bluff Road, and the Starvation Slough Management sub-unit.

#### **Hickory Hammock unit (4,638 acres)**

The area is managed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

For information, call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

Persons may enter the sub-unit on foot from the Istokpoga Canal, Kissimmee River, C-38 canal, S-65C canal access road, and at the main trailhead off of U.S. Highway 98.

Special Use Licenses issued by the District at no cost may be required for some activities as listed in the Special Provisions. To obtain a license, call the Okeechobee Service Center at (800) 250-4200 or go online to ([http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2\\_recreation.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/newsr/2_recreation.html)).

For District rules please see Special Provisions.

#### **Turkey Hammock sub-units (372 acres)**

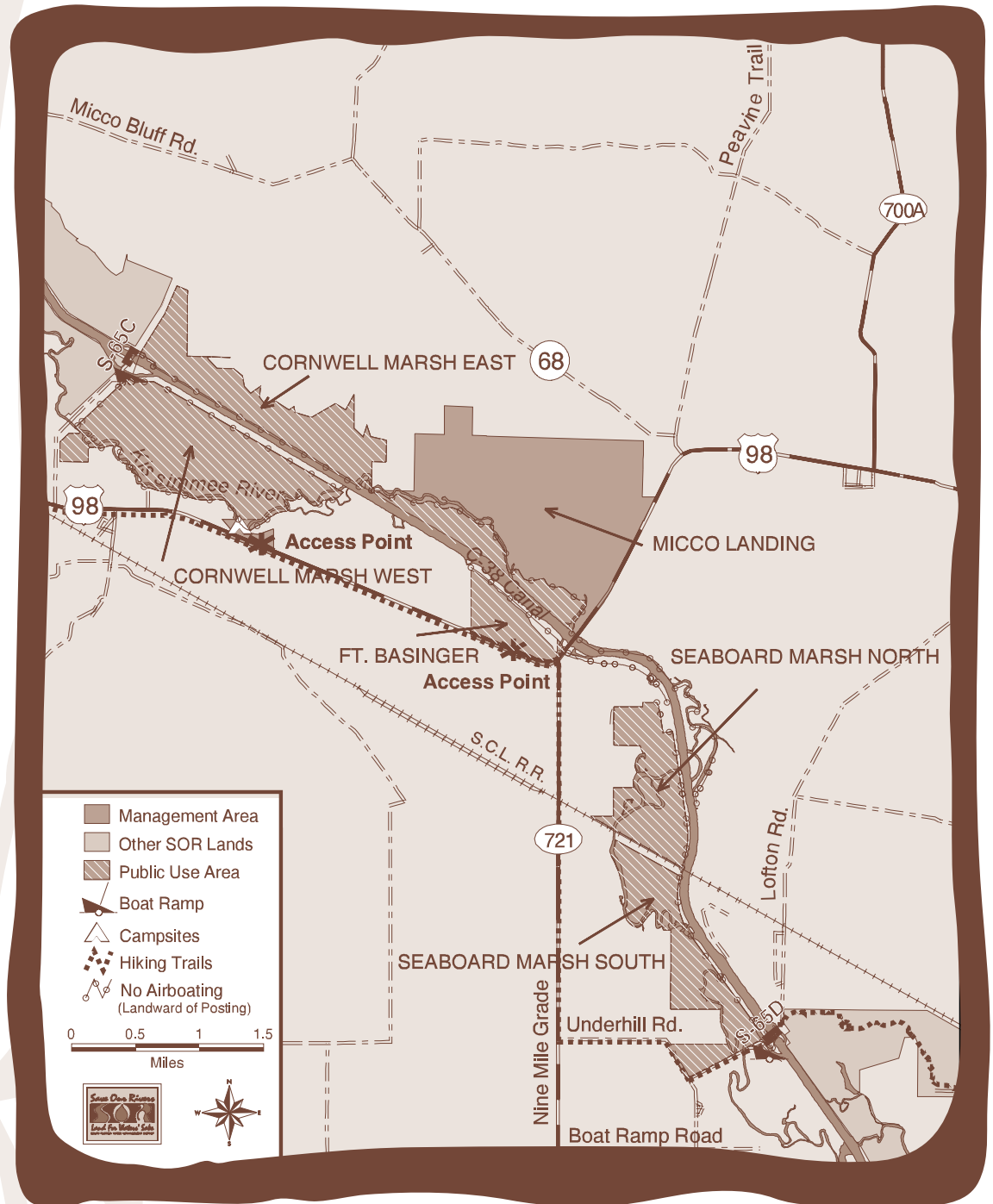
Persons may enter the sub-unit on foot from C-38 canal or Micco Bluff Road.

For details on District rules, please see Special Provisions on page 23.





## Kissimmee River Pool D, 4,359 Acres



Highlands & Okeechobee Counties



All sub-units of this Management Unit are managed as Kissimmee River Public Use Area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

For information call FWC office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules.

For District rules please see Special Provisions.

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### **Cornwell Marsh East sub-unit (463 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal and the Kissimmee River.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on a portion of the sub-unit.

### **Cornwell Marsh West sub-unit (424 acres)**

Persons may enter the management unit from Canal 38, the Kissimmee River, and the S-65C canal access road.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on a portion of the sub-unit.

### **Micco Landing sub-unit (1,550 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit off of U.S. Highway 98, the Kissimmee River and C-38 canal.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on a portion of the sub-unit.

### **Ft. Basinger sub-unit North of Hwy 98 (208 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from State Road 98 or the Kissimmee River.

### **Seaboard Marsh North Sub-unit (338 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal, the Kissimmee River and from adjacent management units/sub-units.

### **Seaboard Marsh South sub-Unit (510 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal, the Kissimmee River, Underhill Road and the S-65D access road.

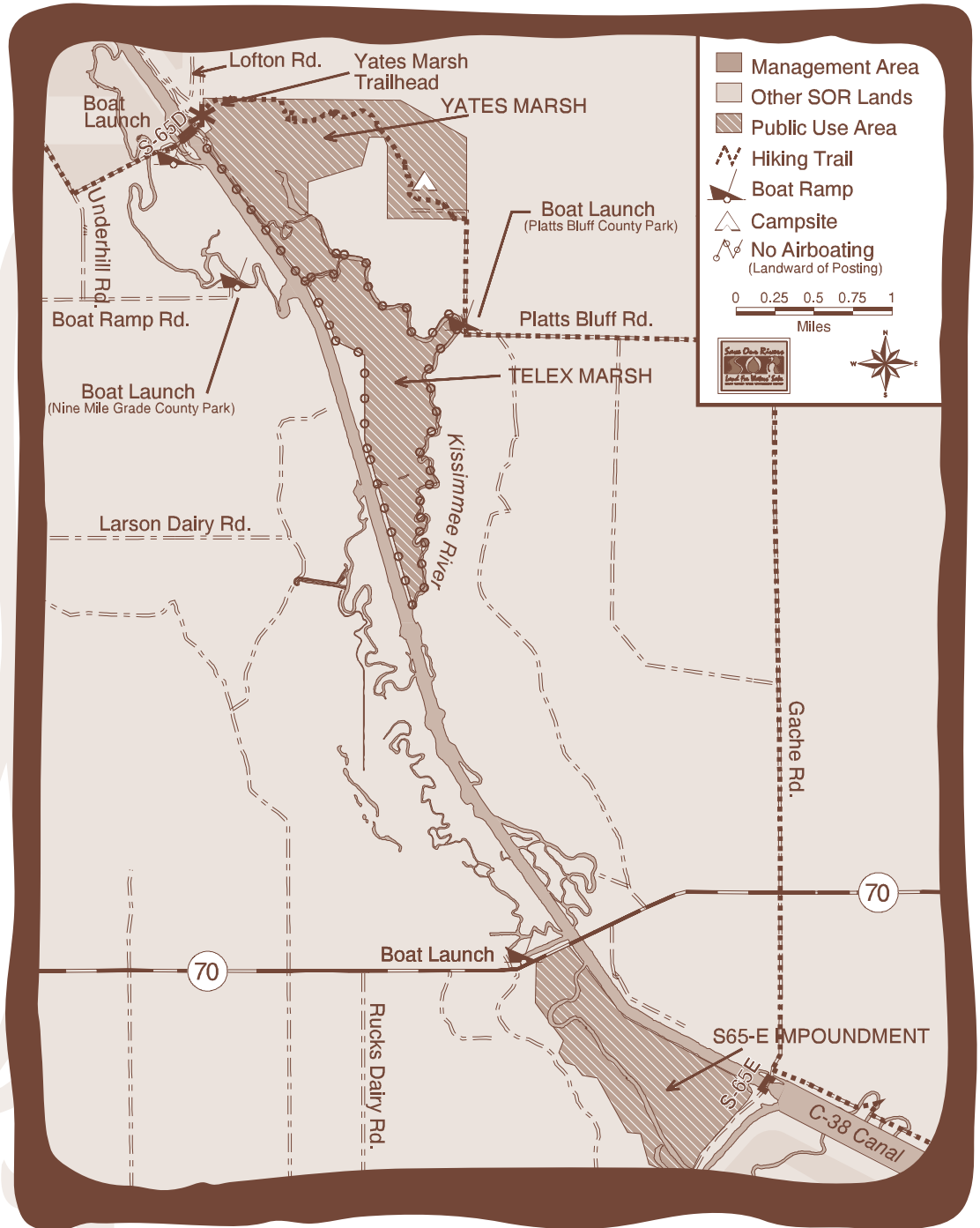
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# Kissimmee River Pool E, 1,725 Acres



Highlands & Okeechobee Counties



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### **Yates Marsh sub-unit (700 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from Platt's Bluff Road, Lofton Road, the Kissimmee River, and C-38 canal.

A cattle grazing lease has been approved on a portion of the sub-unit.

### **Telex Marsh sub-unit (488 acres)**

Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal and the Kissimmee River.

### **S-65E Impoundment sub-unit (537 acres)**

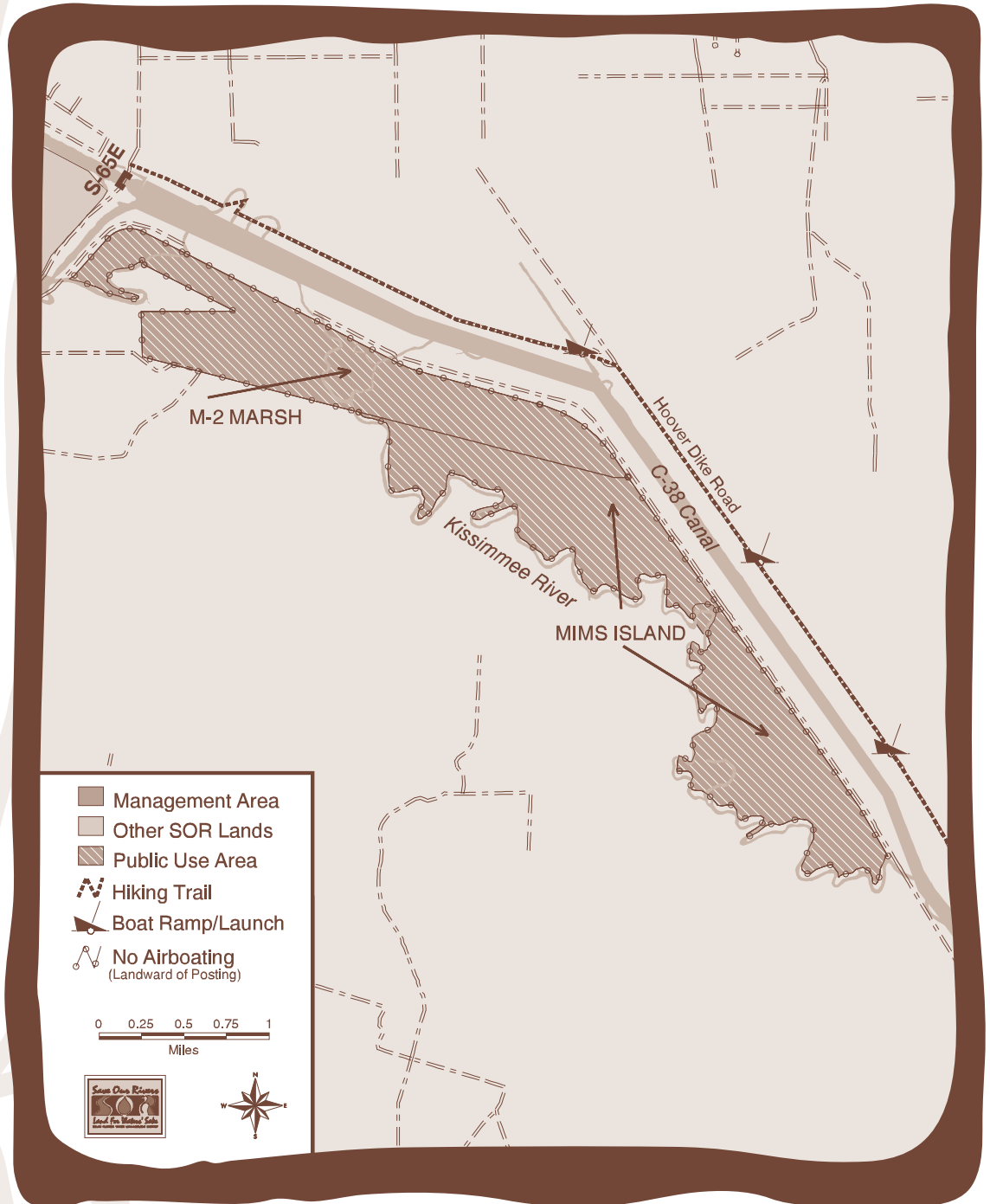
Persons may enter the unit from C-38 canal, C-41A canal and the Kissimmee River.

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## Paradise Run, 1,820 Acres



Highlands, Glades & Okeechobee Counties



This management unit consists of M-2 Marsh (316 acres) and Mims Island (1,504 acres) sub-units.

These sub-units are managed as part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission — Kissimmee River Public Use Area.

Public use is governed primarily by Commission rules. For information call the Commission office at (863) 648-3205 or go online to (<http://www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/SouthWest.htm>).

Persons may enter both sub-units from C-38 canal and the Kissimmee River.

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